

Final Minutes
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute Committee
Wednesday, November 16, 2016
6:30 p.m.
City Hall – Council Chambers

Attendees

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Monroe Dennis, Council member	<u>X</u>	
Lilla Sutton, Co-chair	<u>X</u>	
Sharon Fletcher, Staff Liaison	<u>X</u>	
Anita Wolley	<u>X</u>	
Dottie Chicquelo	<u>X</u>	
Thelma Lomax, Honorary member	<u>X</u>	
Carleveva Thompson, Contract Secretary	<u>X</u>	
Marcus, UMD student	<u>X</u>	

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 6:42pm. The agenda was reviewed by the committee and a motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Wolley and second by Ms. Sutton. Agenda approved as written.

II. Approval of 10/26/16 minutes

The October minutes were reviewed by the committee and a motion to approve was made by Mr. Dennis and second by Ms. Wolley. The October minutes were approved as written.

III. 2017 Event Theme “Has the Dream Been Deferred?”

- a. Review Invitation Letters – The committee reviewed the draft invitation letters and a few changes were suggested. Ms. Fletcher will make the changes and send the letters electronically to the 2017 event participants.
- b. Keynote Speaker – The Honorable Alexander Williams, Jr. – UM Center for Education, Justice, and Ethics
- c. Ms. Wolley stated Ms. Bass agreed to sing Lift Every Voice and Sing at the 2017 event.
- d. Mr. Dennis stated The Chapel is available for the event on 1/14/17. Ms. Fletcher stated the agreement has been signed and missing sound equipment is being rented.
- e. Ms. Lomax will ask First Baptist for a youth reader.

f. Review order of 2017 program:

Pre-show – Colors

Opening – Drummers

Invocation –Ms. Chicquelo’s Pastor

Lift Every Voice and Sing – Angie Bass

Video showing

Chinese Bible Church of College Park Teen Worship Ensemble – Andrea Dye

Metropolitan Washington Baha’i Chorale – Dorie Arbach

Youth Reading – new person

Friends Community School – Kiersten Whitehead

Keynote – Alexander Williams

College Park Youth Choir – Christopher Fominaya

Closing Prayer – Chinese Bible or UM Imam or Mark Garrett

IV. Identify Master of Ceremonies

Ms. Sutton will follow up with Andrea Roane and Mr. Dennis will follow up with Tricia Homer. Ms. Wolley made a motion to proceed with the MC that responds first and second by Ms. Chicquelo. Motion approved by the committee.

V. Other Business

a. Event promotion strategies

Ms. Sutton suggested to promote the event on the City’s Facebook page and to upload some video shots of last year’s performances. Ms. Chicquelo suggested to promote the event on the UMD website. Mr. Dennis stated that the City’s communication manager will send the event information to local news channels to make a press release of the event.

b. Designation of MLK committee chair – Ms. Sutton was selected as the Chair and Ms. Wolley was selected as the co-Chair.

c. Mr. Dennis to start process to book The Clarice Smith for the 2018 event.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2016. Ms. Sutton moved to adjourn the meeting and second by Ms. Chicquelo. Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.